Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the state of South Dakota, our nation, and the global community; and,

Whereas, These contributions have been critical to the growth and development of our economy, our cultural and artistic achievements, our social advancement, and all areas of accomplishment; and,

Whereas, 2008 marks the 160th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement, which served as the impetus by which many women's rights were secured--the right to vote, improved employment rights and representation, and increasing representation as public officials in all levels of government; and,

Whereas, Despite the innumerable contributions women have made and continue to make, too little is taught or known about the enormous impact women have on our collective national history and on the success we all enjoy in the present day; and,

Whereas, March is designated Women's History Month in our nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens of South Dakota to participate in ceremonies and events to commemorate and honor women for their countless contributions to our community and nation and to learn more about the significant role women have had in the creation of our history.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State